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SUBJ: LABOR-GOA CONFRONTATION OVER WAGE ISSUE

1. IN MEETING EARLY MORNING HOURS JUNE 13, CGT ANNOUNCED ITS REJECTION GOA PROPOSAL FOR 45 PERCENT ACROSS BOARD WAGE INCREASE. DECREE, ALREADY PREPARED FOR PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE, WOULD SUSPEND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL 1977. PRESIDENT MEETING WITH CABINET MORNING JUNE 13 AND CGT ALSO HOLDING FURTHER MEETING SECRETARIES GENERAL OF AFFILIATED UNIONS. CGT REQUESTED AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS ISSUE BUT IT STILL UNKNOWN WHETHER AUDIENCE WILL BE GRANTED PRIOR TO PRESIDENTIAL ACTION ON WAGE ISSUE.

2. LABOR SECTOR HIGHLY AGITATED AND FOR FIRST TIME GOA CONTROL OVER LABOR MOVEMENT IS OPEN TO QUESTION. MANY WORKERS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY ARE INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES AND MANY OTHERS HAVE THREATENDED MASSIVE WORK STOPPAGE JUNE 16 IF ISSUE NOT RESOLVED. IN JUNE 12 MEETING ORTHODOX YOUTH PERONIST WORKERS (JSP) SLANDERED MINISTERS LOPEZ REGA AND RODRIGO, DEMANDED CONTINUANCE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS AND CONDEMNED "BAD OFFICIALS AND TRAITORS INFILTRATED IN GOVT WHO ARE DELIBERATELY TRYING TO CREATE CHAOS IN LABOR SECTOR". CGT COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT GOA PROPOSED MEASURES WOULD ONLY SERVE ENEMIES OF COUNTRY AND CALLED FOR CONTINUANCE WAGE NEGOTIATIONS "AS PROMISED BY PERON, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. COMMENT: FINAL OUTCOME CONFRONTATION IS STILL NOT CLEAR;
HOWEVER, REGARDLESS OF FINAL SOLUTION WAGE ISSUE LABOR'S COMMIT-
MENT TO THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN IRREPARABLY WEAKENED. EMBASSY
LABOR, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SOURCES ALL CONCUR THAT CONFRON-
TATION IS DELIBERATE TACTIC OF LOPEZ REGA DESIGNED TO
"LIQUIDATE" LABOR LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL. REGARDLESS OF ITS
SUCCESS OR LACK THEREOF, CONFLICT CAN ONLY BE DAMAGING TO THE
LONG RUN INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY.
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